

of all ages are beginning to look at Social Security in a new way. Instead of asking whether the system has a problem, they're asking when their leaders are going to fix it. Fixing Social Security must be a bipartisan effort, and I'm willing to listen to a good idea from either party. I'm confident that by working together, we will find a solution that will renew the promise of Social Security for the 21st century.

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 7:35 a.m. on April 29 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on April 30. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on April 29 but was embargoed for release until the broadcast. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

## Remarks at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner *April 30, 2005*

Thank you all. Thank you, and good evening. I always look forward to these dinners where I'm supposed to be funny—[*laughter*—intentionally. [*Laughter*] I'm really looking forward to hearing Cedric the Entertainer. I kind of think of myself that way. [*Laughter*]

Cedric, did you hear that hilarious line I ad-libbed down in Arkansas? A woman in a town meeting told me she was from DeQueen, and I said, "That's right next to DeKing." [*Laughter*] You've got to admit that's pretty good, Cedric. [*Laughter*] That's what you call sophisticated repartee. [*Laughter*]

And then out in Montana, I told a joke about a cattle guard, which, to be honest, didn't get a very big laugh—actually, none.

[*Laughter*] But Cedric, I think you'll appreciate this, and you can use it if you want to. See, there was this city slicker who was driving around lost, and he came across this old cowboy. And so the city slicker asked the old guy how to get to the nearest town, and the—

[*At this point, the First Lady interrupted the President and provided the First Family's contribution to the entertainment for the evening.*]

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 8:40 p.m. at the Hilton Washington Hotel. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of the First Lady.

## Remarks on Presenting the Preserve America Presidential Awards *May 2, 2005*

*The President.* A couple of funny lines one evening and she gets carried away. [*Laughter*] Laura "Leno" Bush. [*Laughter*]

We welcome you to the White House. We welcome you to the Rose Garden. I hope you think it's as beautiful a place as we do, and we're honored to have some

of America's outstanding community leaders and preservationists with us.

Laura is a preservationist. She's done a lot of good work here at the White House. She's helped restore the Cabinet Room. Most recently she restored the Lincoln Bedroom, based upon old photos. And